

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of:         | ) |                           |
| Kevin T. Foley                | ) | Examiner: David H. Willse |
| Application No.: 10/734,161   | ) | Group Art Unit: 3738      |
| Filed: December 15, 2003      | ) | Confirmation No.: 2165    |
| For: METHODS FOR PERCUTANEOUS | ) |                           |
| SURGERY                       | ) | August 11, 2008           |

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants' petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2008 for three months from May 11, 2008 to August 11, 2008.

The amount of \$1050.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed.  
Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C., office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address below.

Respectfully submitted,

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